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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A
CONCENTRATION OF
CONDUCTIVE SPECIES IN AN
AQUEOUS SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 5, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5933/BTP, the fee of \$172.00 for two additional independent claims, \$86.00 each, and any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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